

Both the infrastructure and right of way were provided to the ILECs as a part of a natural monopoly. Effectively the ILECs were given a public trust and a public subsidy. Now they want two bites from the apple. They want the benefits of the monopoly without meeting the obligations of selling fairly to everyone equally, wholesale or retail. I am opposed squandering the public trust in a short sighted, anti-competitive move to kill off competition in its infancy.